

Durham Police Department
2012 Third Quarter Report
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I am pleased to report decreases in Part 1 violent crime, Part 1 property crime and overall Part 1 index crime during the first nine months of 2012 compared to the same period in 2011. All three categories dropped to three-year lows for the time period. Violent crime (homicide, rape, robbery and aggravated assault) dropped 3 percent and property crime (burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft) and Part 1 index crime were both down by 8 percent. Crime dropped in four of seven categories – homicide, robbery, burglary and larceny. [The numbers used in this report are preliminary numbers and may change slightly when the final statistics are completed].

<i>Part 1 Violent Crime</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2011-2012 % Change</i>
<i>Homicide</i>	24	22	17	-23%
<i>Rape</i>	56	59	68	15%
<i>Robbery</i>	502	509	415	-18%
<i>Aggravated Assault</i>	698	728	772	6%
<i>Violent Crime</i>	1280	1318	1272	-3%

Violent Crime - There were 17 homicides during the first nine months of 2012 and one of those cases has been ruled justifiable/self-defense. Investigators have made arrests in 11 of the 16 remaining homicides. They also cleared five homicides from prior years including cases from 2000, 2009 and three from 2011. There was one intimate partnership domestic violence homicide this year as well as two cases involving family members. Fourteen of the seventeen homicides involved firearms.

The Violent Incident Response Team, which includes a sergeant and seven officers, became a permanent fulltime unit during the third quarter. The VIRT officers followed up on shootings where there was a possibility of retaliation and shared information with our Intelligence Unit, investigators and patrol officers. We believe the hard work of VIRT officers prevented instances of retaliatory violence.

The Police Department launched a Special Victims Unit on January 1, 2012 to focus on sexual crimes as well as child abuse. The SVU investigators are specially trained to deal with sex crimes and victims who have been assaulted. Approximately 16 percent of the rapes reported during the first nine months of 2012 were domestic and approximately 25 percent involved strangers or unknown suspects.

Part 1 Property Crime	2010	2011	2012	2011-2012 % Change
Burglary	2657	2863	2470	-14%
Larceny	5406	5148	4774	-7%
Vehicle Theft	581	469	520	10%
Property Crime	8644	8480	7764	-8%
Index Crime	9921	9798	9036	-8%

Burglaries dropped approximately 14 percent during the first nine months of 2012. The most stolen items included computer hardware and software, jewelry and precious metals, radio/television/VCR and stereo equipment, tools and cash.

The majority – 88.5 percent – of the burglaries were to residences.

Last year we introduced the Residential Awareness Program, known as RAP, to target burglaries. Each week our Crime Analysis Unit provides us with information about recent burglaries and target areas. Our community resource officers go door to door in the target areas and pass out burglary crime prevention information to residents. Officers conduct high-visibility patrols in the targeted areas. This program ensures that district commanders have accurate, up-to-date information about burglary trends and also strengthens the community-DPD partnership. We have received valuable information during RAP canvasses that helped investigators make arrests in several cases.

Our reported larcenies have steadily decreased during the past five years. Approximately 42 percent of the larcenies during 2012 involved larcenies from motor vehicles or larcenies of auto parts. One quarter of the larcenies were shoplifting cases. The most commonly stolen items include computer software and hardware, telephones, electronic items, jewelry and precious metals, cash, clothing, purses and tools.

Hondas remain the most commonly stolen vehicle in Durham.

Part 1 Domestic Violence Crimes – Year-to-Date January-September

	<i>YTD 2010</i>	<i>YTD 2011</i>	<i>YTD 2012</i>
<i>Murder</i>	1	7	3
<i>Rape</i>	10	10	11
<i>Robbery</i>	7	14	14
<i>Aggravated Assault</i>	180	166	217
<i>Violent Crime</i>	198	197	245
<i>Burglary</i>	64	56	49
<i>Larceny</i>	51	68	87
<i>Motor Vehicle Theft</i>	10	10	9
<i>Property Crime</i>	125	134	145
<i>Part 1 Index Crime</i>	323	331	390S

Statistics provided by the Police Department's Domestic Violence Unit

Youth Arrests (16-17) and Juvenile Petitions (<16) for Jan-Sep 2012

Offense/Age	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Grand Total
Aggravated Assault						3	2	2	11	18
All Other Offenses			1		2	5	7	45	60	120
Burglary					2	2	3	19	29	55
Disorderly Conduct						1		2	2	5
Driving While Impaired								2	1	3
Drug Violations					1	8	1	26	53	89
Embezzlement									1	1
Forgery/Counterfeiting								1		1
Fraud							1	2	8	11
Homicide								1		1
Larceny			1	3	5	12	7	58	56	142
Liquor Law Violations						2		4		6
Non-Reportable Offenses							2	1	5	8
Offenses Against Family									2	2
Rape						1		1		2
Robbery						3	2	6	10	21
Sex Offenses						2	1	2		5
Simple Assault		1	2			6	3	18	20	50
Stolen Property					1	1	2	6	16	26
Vandalism			1	1		1	1	13	17	34
Weapon Violations	1					2	4	8	16	31
Grand Total	1	1	5	4	11	49	36	217	307	631